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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, BA, UY

SUBJECT:LOUISE POPKIN FRIENDS

1. LOUISE POPKIN, CLOSE FRIEND OF MICHELINI AND NOW DOMICILED IN BOSTON, HAS ASKED OUR HELP ON FOLLOWING: FOLLOWING MICHELINI DEATH POPKIN WROTE LETTER TO ANDRES LARISGOITIA, YOUNG ARGENTINE LIVING IN BUENOS AIRES. HAYDI AND SUSANA FREI, TWO ARGENTINE SISTERS, RECEIVED LETTER FOR PASSING ON TO HIM. POPKIN HAS SINCE RECEIVED JUNE 23 LETTER FROM STILL ANOTHER ARGENTINE REPORTING THAT A RECENTLY RELEASED PRISONER SAW LARISGOITIA AND FREI SISTERS IN JAIL WHERE THEY WERE BEING INTERROGATED AND TORTURED. POPKIN FEARS HER WELL KNOWN ASSOCIATION WITH MICHELINI MAY HAVE ACCIDENTALLY INVOLVED THREE ABOVE NAMED ARGENTINES, ALL OF WHOM SHE CLAIMS ARE INNOCENT OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY TO CALL LARISGIOTIA'S FATHER, JOSE, TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANDRES IS IN FACT IN JAIL. FATHER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 797-8903. IF ANDRES
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IS IN JAIL, EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO DEVELOP

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ARREST. IF IT APPEARS THAT
ARREST WAS PROMPTED BY THE LETTER FROM LOUISE POPKIN,
EMBASSY SHOULD EXPRESS CONCERN TO THE APPROPRIATE

ARGENTINE AUTHORITIES. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REPORT
ITS FINDINGS IN THIS CASE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

3. FYI ARGENTINE EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAS ALREADY BEEN
CONTACTED BY POPKIN AMERICAN FRIENDS AND GOA PRESUMABLY
AWARE OF HER INTEREST. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT
PREFERABLE NOT REPEAT NOT TO USE HER NAME IN ANY
CONTACTS IN ARGENTINA OTHER THAN LARISGOITIA'S FATHER.
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